Allocation of funds to Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh and M.P. under ARWSP

3307. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the allocation for Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh under the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme for 2001-2002;

(b) the amount released against said allocation; and

(c) the total fund available in Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh for Accelerated Rural Water Supply in 2001-2002?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K PATIL): (a) to (c) The allocation, release and total availability of funds to Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh under Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) during 2001-2002 are as under:-

(Rs. in crores)

State	Allocation	Release	Total fund available during 2001-2002
Jharkhand	36.19	18.10	41.69
Chhattisgarh	38.77	39.77	39.77
Madhya Pradesh	88.77	90.77	90.77

Funds to Panchayats as per their performance

3308. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKATRAO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to link the release of funds and delegation of powers to Panchayat Raj Bodies with their performance;

(b) if so, whether State Government have been consulted in this regard; and

(c) if so, their response in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a) to (c) No, Sir. Article 243-G of the Constitution has vested the State Legislatures with powers to make laws to endow the Panchayats with

such powers and authority as may be necessary to enable them to function as institutions of self-government. At a Conference of the Ministers incharge of Panchayati Raj held in July, 2001 at New Delhi, it was resolved that the State Governments and Union Territories Administrations would, by the end of March, 2002, devolve powers upon Panchayats in respect of 29 subjects listed in the Eleventh Schedule and issue executive instructions devolving specific powers upon each tier of Panchayats. The All India Panchayat Adhyakshas Sammelan held in April, 2002 at New Delhi also urged for speedy devolution of powers to Panchayats.

Water problem in Saurashtra-Kutch area of Gujarat

†3309. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that nearly 25000 villages in the Saurashtra-Kutch area of Gujarat are getting water through tankers;

(b) whether Government are also aware of the fact that crores of rupees are being spent on it every year;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to formulate any scheme to solve the serious problem of water; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) As per information received from Government of Gujarat during the year 2000 and 2001, 2608 and 3117 villages respectively in Saurashtra-Kutch were supplied water through tankers. As on 15th April 2002, 770 villages are being provided water through tankers.

(b) As per the information received from Government of Gujarat during the year 2000 and 2001, Rs. 32.56 crore and Rs. 36.89 crore respectively were spent on mitigation of drinking water scarcity in Saurashtra-Kutch region. In the current year Rs. 3.49 crores have been spent so far for this purpose.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Government of Gujarat has formulated a Master Plan to supply water drawn from Narmada river for drinking and industrial use to the population of 2.9 crore in 8215 villages and 135 urban centres of Saurashtra, Kutch, North

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.